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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application-of:

MICHAEL J. TIERNEY et al.

Application No.: 09/929,826

Filed: August 13, 2001

For: SURGICAL ROBOTIC TOOLS,
DATA ARCHITECTURE, AND USE

Examiner: M. Priddy

Art Unit: 3732

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

The Remarks section begins on page 6 of this paper.